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Judicial Council to Hold Public Meeting on Judicial Education, Other Issues

Meeting Set for Friday, October 20, in San Francisco

San Francisco—The Judicial Council of California will hold a public business meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 1:25 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2006, at the Judicial Council Conference Center, Hiram W. Johnson State Office Building, Third Floor, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco.

Chaired by Chief Justice Ronald M. George, the 28-member council is the administrative policymaking body of the California courts. The meeting will be audiocast live on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/>. The agenda and meeting materials are online at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/age102006.pdf>.

More than 40 reports on new and amended court rules and forms appear on the Judicial Council's consent agenda. The four reports on the discussion agenda follow.

Judicial Education Proposal: The Governing Committee of the Center for Judicial Education and Research recommends the adoption of rules to establish and implement a comprehensive system of minimum education requirements for trial court judges and subordinate judicial officers, court executive officers, managers, supervisors, and personnel.

Probate Conservatorships: The Judicial Council will hear an interim report from the Probate Conservatorship Task Force, appointed by Chief Justice George earlier this year to improve the management and oversight of court conservatorship cases in the trial courts. A final report is expected next year.

Trial Court Budget: The Judicial Council will be asked to recommend allocation of state trial court State Appropriations Limit (SAL) funding for mandatory security costs, operating costs of new facilities, and workload growth and equity funding.

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Civil Assessments: The Enhanced Civil Assessments Working Group and Administrative Office of the Courts staff recommend that the Judicial Council approve fiscal year 2006-2007 recommendations to address various program and policy issues on statewide enhanced civil assessments.

The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, the largest court system in the nation. Under the leadership of the Chief Justice and in accordance with the California Constitution, the council is responsible for ensuring the consistent, independent, impartial, and accessible administration of justice. The Administrative Office of the Courts carries out the official actions of the council and promotes leadership and excellence in court administration.

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